



# National Brownfields Assessment Pilot

## *Tallahassee, FL*

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

**EPA's** Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Between 1995 and 1996, EPA funded 76 National and Regional Brownfields Assessment Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. EPA is funding more than 27 Pilots in 1997. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

### OVERVIEW

EPA has selected the City of Tallahassee as a Brownfields Pilot. The Gaines Street/Cascades Corridor is currently the focal point for the city's redevelopment efforts. As part of Tallahassee's historical rail corridor, the Gaines Street/Cascades Corridor has supported chemical warehousing, petroleum distribution centers, light industry, animal stockyards, and a city-owned coal gasification plant and dump. Brownfields properties with known or perceived contamination have been identified in the Gaines Street/Cascades Corridor. Adjacent property owners in need of expansion have shown no interest in using these brownfield properties.

Tallahassee believes that properties in the Gaines Street/Cascades Corridor could support increased residential, commercial, and light industrial uses. The properties currently fail to contribute to the vitality of what would otherwise be a vibrant community. Strategically located between the municipal airport and the state capitol complex, the Corridor is poised to become a gateway to downtown Tallahassee.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



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**Date of Award:**  
April 1997

**Amount:** \$191,000

**Site Profile:** Seventy-three brownfields sites scattered across 450 acres of the Gaines Street/Cascades Corridor will be examined.

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## OBJECTIVES

Tallahassee's goal is to develop an implementable brownfields remediation plan that supports and furthers the broader community redevelopment program for the Gaines Street/Cascades Corridor. The remediation plan will include distinct redevelopment activities, clear roles and responsibilities for stakeholders, and extensive public communication on redevelopment progress. The city anticipates that a measurable objective for the pilot will be the degree to which the public becomes aware of, and involved in, the remediation program planning activities.

## ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this pilot include:

- Conducting community outreach and sponsoring workshops for stakeholders;
- Completing site and contamination mapping and preparing site assessment reports;
- Developing a remediation plan for cleanup actions in the pilot area; and
- Prioritizing site cleanups and planning redevelopment activities.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.